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Dear Jim:

Are you game for another thrilling episode of commentary and recollection? I was please to have had the opportunity of the piece that came out Sept. 87; though in retrospect I tried to cover too much, of a subject that is historically and scientifically intricate (and arcane in some places.)

What I have in mind now should be much more suitable as anecdote: reflections on indirect selection and replica plating: (and mechanisms of adaptation in bacteria)

Lederberg J., Lederberg E.M. Replica plating and indirect selection of bacterial mutants J. Bacteriol. 63: 399-406. (1952)

Cavalli-Sforza L.L., Lederberg J. Isolation of preadaptive mutants in bacteria by sib selection. Genetics 41: 367-381. (1956)

(and going back to

Luria, S. E., Delbruck, M. 1943. Mutations of bacteria from virus sensitivity to virus resistance. Genetics 28:491-511)

I have most of the story in hand; if you are interested, let me know what deadline I should aim for.

It was great fun being your companion (again) in Ann. Rev. Genetics.

Yours sincerely,

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Jim - Do you know what's happened to the Genetics Dept. archives? Any chance of retrieving my applications / program statements to UW, to WARE in 1947, 1948? They would have my research agenda upon arrival at U.W.

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